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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY SECRETARY,  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: FY 1965 Underground Nuclear Test Program

In reply to your memorandum of December 11, 1964, requesting the initiation of certain expenses in connection with [redacted] you are advised that you are authorized to spend [redacted] for preliminary planning activities in connection with [redacted]. It is understood that this authorization would allow the Department of Defense to proceed with this event until about mid-March before any further major commitments of funds are made. It is further expected that by that time the detailed cost estimates and other studies required to permit a decision to be reached will be available for consideration by the Review Committee on Underground Nuclear Tests as a basis for formulating a recommendation to the President. This timing will permit the program to remain on schedule for execution in October of this year. It should be borne in mind that in addition to the cost and other studies that are underway, the Department of Defense is expected to check out the political questions involved in nuclear testing in Alaska, particularly the views of the Alaskan Delegation and the Governor.

It is understood that since the December 11 memorandum was received, the Department of Defense has suspended its request for authorization of preliminary planning expenditures [redacted]. Accordingly, no action is taken in connection with that event.

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McGeorge Bundy

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